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Weekend holiday: Tourists throng city

Mysuru, Dec. 27 (BLU&BCT)- Amid Christmas celebrations and an extended weekend, the cultural capital Mysuru witnessed a sharp surge in tourist footfall, with major attractions packed to capacity over the past few days.

With Dec. 25 being a Government holiday and the fourth Saturday falling immediately after, many people took leave on Friday, creating a four-day weekend from Dec. 25 to 28, resulting in a steady influx of tourists to Mysuru and nearby destinations.

Visitors thronged prominent attractions including the Mysore Palace, Sri Chamarajendra Zoological Gardens (Mysuru zoo), Chamundi Hill and St. Philomena's Church. Official data showed that the Mysore Palace recorded 15,816 visitors on Dec. 24, with the number nearly doubling on Christmas Day. On Thursday alone, 21,513 tourists visited the palace.

The zoo attracted even larger crowds, with as many as 27,203 visitors on Christmas Day, drawn by its rare and diverse animal species.

(See TOURISTS on page 9)

Helium cylinder blast case

Death toll hits 3

Two women succumb to injuries on Friday; balloon seller dies on Thursday

Mysuru, Dec. 27 (MTY&BS)- The death toll in the helium cylinder blast outside Jayamarthanda Gate near Mysore Palace on Thursday night has risen to three.

Manjula, a resident of Chamalapura Beedhi in Nanjangud, and Lakshmi, wife of Rajesh from Kamakshipalya, Bengaluru, who were critically injured in the explosion and admitted to the ICU of K.R. Hospital, succumbed to their injuries yesterday.

Saleem, the balloon vendor from Uttar Pradesh, had died on the spot while inflating balloons using a portable cylinder.

Saleem

Manjula

Lakshmi

Doctors at K.R. Hospital confirmed that Manjula passed away in the evening, while Lakshmi died during the night. Their bodies have been shifted to mortuary and were handed over to their families after post-mortem today.

Manjula, a spinster supporting herself by selling flowers in Nanjangud, was living with her parents and siblings. She was walking towards the bus stop at Jayachamaraja Wadiyar Circle (formerly Hardinge Circle) to board a bus to Nanjangud after buying flowers when she became a victim of the blast.

(See WOMEN on page 7)

One-day trip turns tragic...

Victim's 10-year-old daughter narrates events that ended up in cylinder explosion

Mysuru, Dec. 27 (MTY&BS)- What was meant to be a one-day Christmas vacation trip to Mysuru turned tragic for two families, with one woman losing her life and another battling injuries after the helium cylinder blast outside the Jayamarthanda Gate of Mysore Palace on Thursday night.

Dimple

Lakshmi succumbed to her injuries, while her sister-in-law, Ranjitha, is undergoing treatment at JSS Hospital on M.G. Road and is said to be out of danger. Lakshmi's 10-year-old daughter, Dimple, was among those who witnessed the horrific blast. Speaking to media persons at hospital on Friday, the traumatised child recounted how the tragedy unfolded.

With Christmas holidays underway, Dimple, a Class 5 student in Bengaluru, had accompanied her mother to Mysuru.

(See TRIP on page 7)

STAR OF MYSORE

"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Saturday 27th December 2025

Vaikunta Ekadashi
at Ganapathy Ashram on Dec.30

Mysuru, Dec. 27- Sri Datta Venkateshwara Temple at Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda Ashram on Mysuru-Ooty Road will be celebrating Vaikunta Ekadashi on Dec.30 (Tuesday).

Arrangements will be made to open *Uttara Dwara* (North Entrance) of the temple for *darshan* on Dec.30. To facilitate the devotees, the temple will be kept open from 5.30 am to 2.30 pm and 3 pm to 9 pm on that day.

Devotees can have special *darshan* at Sri Datta Venkateshwara Kshetram

The entrance for the devotees coming to the temple will be from the main gate of the Ashram. Devotees are requested to wear mask for safety. For details contact Temple Office on Ph:2483200, according to K.N. Ananthanarayana, Manager, Sri Datta Venkateshwara Kshetram.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

TURN YOUR MISTAKES INTO STEPPING STONES: ***"The greatest glory in living lies not in never falling, but in rising every time we fall." Nelson Mandela's words remind us that failure need not define us. What matters is our willingness to recognise our mistakes and choose a better path forward.***

We all carry regrets. Perhaps we spoke harshly to someone we love, acted out of ego or ignored another's pain because our own struggles consumed us. Such moments linger, quietly eroding our peace and straining relationships. Over time, the weight of unacknowledged mistakes can feel overwhelming, leading us to believe we are beyond repair.

Yet the truth is liberating: we have the capacity to change. Transformation begins with honest self-reflection. This requires looking inward without excuses or judgement and asking difficult questions. Where did we fall short? When did pride silence accountability? How often did we choose ease over empathy? Though uncomfortable, this introspection is essential for growth.

Acknowledging our mistakes takes courage. It means lowering our defences and accepting that imperfection is part of being human. Pretending otherwise distances us from both ourselves and others. When we admit our faults with humility, we create space for healing and connection.

The next step is making amends. A sincere apology, offered without justification, can be powerful. Whether through words or actions, reaching out to those we have hurt signals a genuine commitment to change. Not every wound can be fully healed, but the effort itself matters. It shows awareness, responsibility and respect for the impact of our actions.

Equally important is learning to forgive ourselves. Self-condemnation keeps us anchored to the past and serves no purpose beyond prolonging pain. Growth becomes possible only when we accept our errors, draw lessons from them and move forward with intention. Letting go of guilt is not denial; it is choosing progress over paralysis.

Change is rarely immediate. It requires patience, persistence and repeated effort. We will falter again because we are human. But each conscious choice to act with kindness, speak thoughtfully and live with integrity shapes the person we are becoming. Our mistakes, when faced honestly, can become the foundation for wisdom and compassion. The path to redemption remains open to all who are willing to walk it.

— Chinmay Hota in Deccan Herald

NEWS SPARKLERS

British fan's Jellycats toy collections

Bedfordshire: A 19-year-old's love of the Jellycats brand of plush toys and keychains earned a Guinness World Record for her collection of 877 unique items.

Hope Roberts was awarded the title for the world's largest collection of Jellycat memorabilia when each item in her collection was examined by a Guinness World Records adjudicator at her home in Bedfordshire.

Her collection includes plush toys, keychains, stickers, bags and even finger puppets.

Roberts said she couldn't choose a favourite item from her collection. "I couldn't choose one, I love them all too much," she told Guinness World Records.

Mystery boat washed up on beach

Sidmouth: A mysterious orange-red boat that washed up on an England beach was determined to be a lifeboat reported missing from a cargo ship.

The unusual vessel was spotted on the beach in Sidmouth, Devon, on Sunday, and the Beer Coastguard Rescue Team was summoned to investigate.

The aquatic vehicle was determined to be a lifeboat that had become detached from a cargo ship that departed Morocco Dec. 16 and lost the smaller boat en route to Belgium.

The rescue team safely disposed of the boat's flares and stored the rest of the vessel's contents until it can be retrieved by the cargo ship's owners.

The team used a tractor to pull the boat further from the water line to keep it safe until it can be removed from the beach.

HEALTH CAPSULE

The Heart Can Compensate Before It Fails

The heart often increases its workload silently to maintain circulation. Symptoms usually appear only when this compensation limit is crossed.

By Dr. C.B. Keshavamurthy - Senior Consultant – Interventional Cardiology, Manipal Hospitals, Mysuru

manipalhospitals LIFE'S ON

** Health Capsule is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature*

No power supply on Dec. 28, 29

Mysuru, Dec. 27-**As Chamundeshwari Electricity Supply Corporation (CESC)** has taken up its 3rd quarterly maintenance works at Hootagalli Power Receiving Centre and KV Hebbal Industrial Power Distribution Centre, there will be no power supply tomorrow (Dec. 28) between 10 am and 6 pm in the following areas:

Hootagalli Power Receiving Centre: Surroundings of Automotive Axles, road next to Rane Madras, Koorgalli Industrial Area, Hootagalli Industrial Area, Old Lunars, Theorem, Spectra Pipes, Varsha Cables, L&T, Wipro Lighting, Sriram Engineers, Rajat Battery, RPG Cables, SPI, Damden Apartment and Hinkal Ashraya Yojana surroundings.

KV Hebbal Industrial Power Distribution Centre: Koorgalli industrial area, Excel Public School, Vinyas, Koorgalli Lake surroundings, Gopalan Compound, Wipro, Meritor, Pattabhi Enterprises, L&T, Marc Battery Road, Chamundi Silks and surrounding areas; BEML, Automotive Axles and Infosys.

Dec. 29

As Karnataka Power Transmission Corporation Limited (KPTCL) has taken up its 3rd quarterly maintenance works at Karya and Hemmaragala Power Distribution Centres, there will be no power supply on Dec. 29 between 10 am and 5 pm:

Hadya, Kahalli, Kamahalli, Karya, Aralikattehundi, Baanuru, Chinnamballi, Chunchanahalli, Hanumanapura, Kakkarahatti, Bhogayyanahundi villages and Gram Panchayat limits.

Hemmaragala, Nerale, Hedatale villages and GP limits, according to a press release from CESC Executive Engineers VV Mohalla and Nanjangud Divisions.

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Maximum **124.80 feet**	Maximum **2,284 feet**	Maximum **2,859 feet**
Today's level **123.89 feet**	Today's level **2,275.80 feet**	Today's level **2,828.03 feet**
Last year's level **124.78 feet**	Last year's level **2,280.14 feet**	Last year's level **2,834.07 feet**
Yesterday's level **123.90 feet**	Yesterday's level **2,275.75 feet**	Yesterday's level **2,827.89 feet**
Today's Inflow **2,327 cusecs**	Today's Inflow **582 cusecs**	Today's Inflow **315 cusecs**
Today's Outflow **2,295 cusecs**	Today's Outflow **200 cusecs**	Today's Outflow **200 cusecs**

REALLY...?

- ***There are over 35,000 species of spiders.***
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LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

Chiku: *I've decided to join army.*
Gundu: *Your father and grandfather, all joined the army and died. Have you no fear?*
Chiku: *Your father and grandfather died in sleep. Are you frightened to sleep?!*

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 89.85
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 121.25
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 24.46
1 Euro	= Rs. 105.79

VOICE OF THE READER

Pulse Polio drive: Just a publicity stunt?

Sir,

The pictogram of administering polio drops to a child (*SOM* dated Dec. 21) shows how casual the programme went on.

Administering the drops orally to a child is a professional task. The child should be held firmly in the correct posture by a person, preferably their mother, sitting on a stool.

The healthcare professional, keeping fully open the child's mouth, with the left hand, should drop, with the right hand, the vaccine deep into the mouth, by pressing/holding the top of the filler, almost vertically, till it is emptied.

It ensures that the full dose has entered the mouth. The vaccine should never touch the lips. Otherwise, it would be an underdose. Then, and only then, the child should be eased.

But unfortunately, the programme is more for publicity than for oral vaccination. The way the dropper is held from a distance, and pressing/holding the dropper somewhere in its middle portion, cannot ensure that the full dose has entered the mouth.

Now, no one knows that the full dose has been administered. Their focus is elsewhere. The District Surgeon ought not to have allowed a non-professional to administer the vaccine.

—K.N. Krishna Prasad
Lakshmipuram
25.12.2025

Akashvani's *Pathrika Dhwani* to feature KBG today

KBG

Kudli Gururaj

Mysuru, Dec. 27- Akashvani Mysuru will air a special talk on *Star of Mysore* and *Mysuru Mithra* Founder-Editor late K.B. Ganapathy (KBG) at 6.10 pm today.

The talk is a part of *Pathrika Dhwani* series which highlights the achievements and contributions of journalists from Mysuru, Mandya and Chamarajanagar.

Journalist Kudli Gururaj will speak about late KBG in the five-minute programme. Today's will be the 9th edition of the special radio talk which coincides with the birth anniversary of KBG. The talk, broadcast at 6.30 am on every Saturday, will have a repeat broadcast 6.10 pm the same day. The series, which began in November 2025, will conclude in March 2026.

Newly elected office-bearers of IDA Mysore Branch

Mysuru, Dec. 27- The Indian Dental Association (IDA), Mysore Branch, held its Annual General Body Meeting recently, during which the office-bearers for the year 2026 were announced.

Dr. R.G. Raghu will serve as President, Dr. Brinda Suhas Godhi as President-Elect, Dr. T.K. Sandeep as Secretary, Dr. N. Raghunath as Treasurer and Dr. N.R. Pramodh as Immediate Past President.

The Vice-Presidents are: Dr. Abraham Thomas, Dr. Pratap Shetty and Dr. C K. Sendil.

Dr. H.S. Charan Babu and Dr. Nagashree will serve as Joint Secretary and Assistant Secretary respectively while Dr. H.C. Ravi Kiran and Dr. H.L. Muthuraj will serve as CDH Convenor and CDE Convenor.

Dr. S. Meenakshi is the Editor, with Dr. B. Nandlal and Dr. K.P. Mahesh as State Branch Representatives.

The Executive Committee includes Dr. Sathya Prakash, Dr. Prasanna Deshpande, Dr. S.P. Poornima, Dr. Naveen Kumar, Dr. A.B. Shubha, Dr. C. Harish, Dr. V.G. Keerthi, Dr. Sanath Hegde, Dr. H.C. Ravi, Dr. K.P. Mahesh, Dr. C. Arun Kumar and Dr. P.S. Praveen Kumar.

Ayurveda experts discuss diet, lifestyle, sustainable health

Global Cauvery Ayurvedic Research & Development conference opens

Former Deputy Chief Minister Dr. C.N. Ashwath Narayan, MLA G.T. Devegowda and Vice-Chancellor of Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences, Bengaluru, Dr. B.C. Bhagavan, inaugurating the two-day International Conference-2025 in city yesterday as former CFTRI Director Dr. V. Prakash, Chairman of the Cauvery Group of Institutions Dr. G.R. Chandrashekhar and other dignitaries look on.

Mysuru, Dec. 27 (BCT)- A two-day CCARD International Conference-2025, jointly organised by Cauvery Ayurveda Medical College and Hospital, Mysuru, and the Maharaja Institute of Ayurvedic Medical Sciences and Hospital (MIAMSH), Mandya, began yesterday at SDM-IMD auditorium in city.

The conference, titled "Intersecting Nutrition, Lifestyle Medicine and Sustainable Health Care," focused on 'diet, lifestyle and health perspectives.'

Former Deputy Chief Minister Dr. C.N. Ashwath Narayan, who was the chief guest, said that chemically contaminated food, air and water have made human life increasingly difficult.

He stressed that adopting Ayurvedic principles related to diet and lifestyle could significantly boost immunity and help prevent diseases.

Dr. B.C. Bhagavan, Vice-Chancellor, Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences, Bengaluru, who presided, said rapid changes in lifestyle, environment, food habits and mechanised living had led to the emergence of new psychosomatic disorders.

Emphasising the relevance of Ayurveda, he noted that with the integration of modern technology and innovative research, Ayurveda has the potential to address global health challenges.

Dr. Narayan Jadhav, Member, National Commission for Indian System of Medicine (NCISM), New Delhi, inaugurated the scientific sessions and briefed delegates on various policies formulated by Central Government for AYUSH practitioners.

MLA G.T. Devegowda was the special guest. Dr. V. Prakash, former Director of CFTRI, Mysuru, delivered the keynote address. The conference began with Vedic chanting by Vidwan Kalasheshwara Bhat and team.

Chairman of Cauvery Group of Institutions, Dr. G.R. Chandrashekhar, welcomed. The conference souvenir was released by Dr. Ashwath Narayan. MIAMSH Principal Dr. N.V. Krishnamurthy proposed the vote of thanks. More than 650 delegates from India and abroad are participating in the meet.

Dismantle drug networks ahead of New Year: Addl. SP

Mysuru, Dec. 27 (BS)- Additional Superintendent of Police (Addl.SP) C. Mallik has directed officers to intensify action against drug supply as New Year celebrations approach.

He made the remarks while chairing a district-level Narco Coordination Centre (NCORD) meeting at the Deputy Commissioner's Office yesterday.

Highlighting the expanding network of narcotics, Mallik stressed the need to create awareness among the public and students about the harmful effects of drugs.

Awareness programmes should be conducted in schools and colleges, particularly around shops near campuses, he said.

He also recommended installing CCTV cameras on school premises and urged teachers to monitor vulnerable areas closely.

Mallik advised that banners with anti-drug slogans be displayed in public spaces and near educational institutions. He emphasised taking strict action to curb drug abuse among students and encouraged citizens to report any information regarding drug trafficking and smuggling to the police.

DCP (Crime and Traffic) K.S. Sundar Raj, ASI Nagaraj Nayak, and other district-level officers attended the meeting.

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Dated: 22.12.2025 **Sd/- Director**

NEWS BRIEFS

Zoo, Karanji Lake open on Tuesday

Sri Chamarajendra Zoological Gardens (Mysuru Zoo) and Karanji Lake Nature Park will be kept open for public on Tuesday (Dec. 30) on account of Christmas and New Year holidays for Schools and Colleges, according to a press release from Mysuru Zoo Executive Director.

Music contest and musical nite

Puttanna Kanagal

As part of Thyagaraja Aradhana, the Mysuru Mulakanadu Sabha has organised music contest (rendition of Sri Thyagaraja krithis) at the Sabha Office located at Mulakanadu Bhavan, Vijayanagar 3rd Stage, Hunsur Road, tomorrow (Dec. 28) at 10.30 am. The contest will be held under 2 categories — Junior (age group of 10 to 17 years) and Senior (age group of 18 to 25 years). For registration and details, contact Mob: 94804-42380 or 94487-50548. Also, a Musical Nite has been organised at 4 pm tomorrow in memory of noted cine director late Puttanna Kanagal. The event also features a Food Mela from 12 noon to 8.30 pm, according to a press release.

Health check-up camp tomorrow

The Karnataka State Government Retired Employees Association and Sri Ramakrishna PU College have organised a free health check-up camp for the benefit of Association members and the public at Sri Ramakrishna Vidya Kendra, beside Suyog Hospital, Ramakrishnanagar, at 10.30 am tomorrow (Dec.28). The camp is being held in association with Annapoorna Eye Hospital and Clear Medi Radiant Hospital. For details, contact Mob: 86180-12397.

Kite flying competition

As part of the Annual Suttur Jathra Mahotsava to take place at Suttur in Nanjangud taluk from Jan.15 to 20, the Jathra Mahotsava Samithi has organised a Kite flying competition at Suttur on Jan. 18. Competition will be held under 4 categories — Primary school students, High School students, PU students and members of the public. There will be three prizes and 2 consolation prizes in all the categories. Also, all the participants will be given certificates. For registration and details, contact Ph: 0821-2548212/122 or Mob: 88849-32916 or 86184-74631.

Prolonged jungle safari ban triggers tourism crisis

4,000 livelihoods at risk, says Karnataka Eco-Tourism Resorts Association

Picture for representation only.

Mysuru, Dec. 27 (BCT)- A prolonged ban on jungle safaris at Karnataka's premier tiger reserves of Bandipur and Nagarahole has dealt a severe blow to the tourism sector, triggering mass booking cancellations at resorts and homestays and raising fears of large-scale job losses during the peak season.

With December to February marking the busiest period for wildlife tourism, industry stakeholders warn that the continued suspension could push the sector into a crisis reminiscent of the COVID-19 shutdown.

Foreign tourists have begun rerouting their travel plans, posing a serious risk to Karnataka's reputation as a leading wildlife destination.

The Karnataka Eco-Tourism Resorts Association (KETRA) has written to the State Tourism Minister, urging the immediate resumption of jungle safaris with enhanced safety measures. The Association has highlighted mounting economic losses and growing employment concerns resulting from the ban.

Unscientific and impractical

Wildlife safaris were halted in November following reports of tiger attacks in villages near forest areas. Since then, the forest department has captured over 20 tigers.

However, KETRA has argued that the reasons cited for suspending safaris are neither scientific nor practical. It pointed out that safari routes have no connection with the locations of recent attacks — the Nagarahole safari zone is separate from the incident sites, while Bandipur's safari routes are located 50 to 100 kms away.

The financial impact has been substantial. Jungle Lodges & Resorts alone is reportedly losing around Rs. 30 lakh per day. The Forest Department is forfeiting an estimated Rs. 30 lakh daily in safari fees, while the State exchequer is losing Rs. 60 to Rs.70 lakh in GST revenue. Overall, the combined losses are estimated to exceed Rs. 3 crore every day.

Livelihoods at stake

The livelihoods of nearly 4,000 workers are now at stake. The safari tourism sector employs around 8,000 people, nearly 80 per cent of whom come from forest-fringe villages and tribal communities.

Within the next month, 1,200 to 1,500 daily wage and contractual workers could lose their jobs. If the ban continues, regular staff may also be affected, pushing thousands of families into economic distress.

Wildlife tourism is a key pillar of South India's travel economy. International tour operators, who typically plan itineraries three to six months in advance, have already begun diverting foreign tourists from Karnataka to other destinations such as Assam, Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, West Bengal, Kerala and Tamil Nadu.

Industry leaders warn that sudden cancellations and negative global reviews could have long-term consequences for Karnataka's tourism brand.

Industry sources say the current situation is unprecedented in the history of Karnataka tourism and have urged the State government to urgently review the safari ban to prevent lasting damage to the tourism sector.

Forest Department employees to get insurance cover

Eshwar Khandre

Bengaluru, Dec. 27- Minister for Forest, Environment and Ecology Eshwar Khandre announced that a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) had been entered into with Bank of Baroda to provide Rs. 2 crore accident (death) insurance to regular staff of the department and Rs. 20 lakh insurance coverage for outsourced employees.

Speaking to mediapersons, he said frontline workers in the department have been working round-the-clock as green warriors to protect the forest and wildlife during which the department has lost brave warriors.

"The MoU has been entered into to provide financial security to the staff members. The outsourced employees have also played a significant role in protecting the forests and wildlife for which Rs. 20 lakh insurance had been extended to them," the Minister said.

Khandre added that the accidental life insurance will be valid till the age of 70 years if the employees continue their pension account with the Bank of Baroda. In addition, the bank will provide Rs. 10 lakh life insurance coverage to permanent employees.

He added that awareness should be created about the initiative and employees have been instructed to open salary accounts with Bank of Baroda.

"Precautions have been taken to ensure safety of the employees. Additionally, prohibitory orders will be imposed during the operations to prevent general public from entering the area. Emphasis has also been given to increase e-patrolling and setting up of command centre at various locations," he added.

Obituary

Kuttanda Nalini Uthaiah

Mysuru, Dec. 27- Kuttanda Nalini Uthaiah (Pattada), wife of late Kuttanda Uthaiah and a resident of Vijayanagar 3rd Stage, passed away in city yesterday evening.

She was 82. A native of Kukloor in Virajpet, she leaves behind her son Kuttanda Belliappa (ACP, Mangaluru), daughter Kallichanda Anu Mudduraj and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at Mukthidhama in Vijayanagar here this afternoon.

A. John

A. John (58) of Naganahalli in H.D. Kote taluk, Mysuru district, passed away last night.

He leaves behind his wife, one son, one daughter and a host of relatives and friends. Funeral took place at Naganahalli this afternoon.

Kasturi R. Pai

Kasturi R. Pai (88), a resident of N.R. Mohalla, passed away here last night.

Wife of late Prof. Ramadas Pai, retired Professor of St. Philomena's College in city and former President of Gowda Saraswath Brahmana Sabha, Mysuru, she leaves behind three sons, a daughter, six grand-daughters, a grandson and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held at the foot of Chamundi Hill this afternoon.

M. Irudaya Nadan

M. Irudaya Nadan (69), a resident of Mahadevapura Main Road in Gandhinagar, passed away here yesterday.

He leaves behind sons Antony Anban, Marisoosai Anand, Jeevan Abhilash and a host of relatives.

Last rites were held at Roman Catholic burial ground on Mahadevapura Main Road this afternoon.

Shivamma

Shivamma (84), a native of Hondarabalu in Kollegal taluk, who had settled down at Nadubetta in Nilgiris district of Tamil Nadu, passed away at her son's residence in Varuna, Mysuru taluk on Friday.

She leaves behind her son Siddaraju, a retired Physical Education Department Officer and a host of relatives.

Last rites were held at Hondarabalu today.

K.R. Hospital bio-waste shed catches fire

Mysuru, Dec. 27- Panic gripped areas surrounding K.R. Hospital as the bio-waste shed engulfed in flames leaving out thick smoke. The incident occurred yesterday afternoon at about 3.30 pm at the shed located behind Nursing College where the old beds, bedspreads and other materials were stored.

According to sources, the coir used for the beds initially caught fire and later spread to other materials emitting thick smoke towards J.K. Grounds located adjacent to Cheluvamba Hospital.

On noticing the fire, members of the general public informed the Fire personnel who rushed to the spot and doused the fire.

On receiving the information, Medical Superintendents of both K.R. Hospital and Cheluvamba Hospital arrived at the spot along with other officials and conducted an inspection.

It is said, welding works which was being done in the new building complex located next to shed caused the fire. Though, the hospital staff tried to douse the fire it yielded no result.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore*, MMC&RI Dean & Director Dr. K.R. Dakshayani said that the unused beds stored in bio-waste shed had caught fire accidentally while the welding works was being carried out in the adjacent building. The fire-fighters doused the fire and no injuries have been reported.

'PRASHAD scheme will harm Chamundi Hill'

35 houses built after Chamundeshwari Development Authority formation

Mysuru, Dec. 27 (GA&BCT)- Former Mayor B.L. Bhyrappa has demanded that works proposed at sacred Chamundi Hill under the Central Government's PRASHAD (Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual Heritage Augmentation Drive) scheme be abandoned, warning that the project would harm the fragile Hill ecosystem.

Bhyrappa

Addressing a press conference at the Pathrakarthara Bhavan yesterday, Bhyrappa claimed that when the PRASHAD project was initially announced with an allocation of Rs. 100 crore, strong opposition to the proposed ropeway led to its removal, following which the grant was reduced to Rs. 45 crore.

He said that authorities have now proposed construction near the foothills of Chamundi, close to the Mahishasura statue and the Nandi monolith idol, where there is no available space for such works. He also recalled that a proposed Unity Mall project at the Doddakere Maidan had been stalled by a High Court order, cautioning that the PRASHAD project would meet a similar fate.

Several such projects, he noted, had already failed, resulting in funds being withdrawn. Hence, he urged that Chamundi Hill be left undisturbed.

Authority's failure

Bhyrappa pointed out that after the formation of the Sri Chamundeshwari Development Authority, the Hill has witnessed considerable encroachment, with about 35 houses coming up. He said, the absence of a proper underground drainage (UGD) system has resulted in wastewater seeping into the soil, increasing the risk of landslides.

Several development works, including water supply from the foothills, development of Devikere and road works along the Nandi route, have already been stalled. In this backdrop, he reiterated that the PRASHAD project should be scrapped.

Lamenting that the development carried out by the erstwhile Maharajas has been damaged, Bhyrappa said, Chamundi Hill must now be preserved in its existing form.

"It is politicians who have spoiled and caused irreparable damage to Chamundi Hill," he said, adding that a public protest would be organised in January 2026 to oppose the project.

Siddalingappa was present at the press conference.

Killing of Hindus in Bangladesh

Hindu organisations take out torchlight march in city

Mysuru, Dec. 27 (SPN&DM)- Strongly condemning the brutal killing of Hindus and attacks on Hindu temples in neighbouring Bangladesh, Hindu Organisations took out a mega torchlight march in city last evening to register their protest.

"Attacks, atrocities and violence against Hindus is increasing by the day in poll-bound Bangladesh, which the international community should condemn in the strongest of terms. Also, the International Community should come together to end terrorism and must exert pressure on the Bangladesh Government to create a conducive atmosphere for the conduct of a free and fair elections," the protesters maintained.

Strongly condemning the silence of vested interests in India over attacks on Bangladeshi Hindus, the protesters termed these interests as pseudo secularists and urged the Government to take measures for ending the violence against Bangladeshi Hindus.

The march, which commenced from Town Hall, passed through Vasavi Circle in front of Devaraja Market, D. Devaraj Urs Road and JLB Road, before culminating at Field Marshal K.M. Cariappa Circle (Hotel Metropole Circle). The protesters, led by MP Yaduveer Wadiyar, raised slogans such as *Navella Ondu-Navella Hindu* and *Yene Barali Oggattu Irali*.

Members of various organisations including Mysuru Rakshana Vedike, Sri Ramasene, Yuva Brigade, Veer Savarkar Yuva Balaga, Rajasthani Vishnu Samaj, Mysuru Hanumantotsava Samiti, Hindu Mahasabha, Team Mysuru, Hindu Jagarana Vedike and Vishwa Hindu Parishat, took part in the march.

Dr. N. Chandrashekar of Aadithya Hospital, Avadhootha Arjun Guruji, Akhila Karnataka Brahmana Mahasabha District President D.T. Prakash and leaders of various Hindu organisations were present.

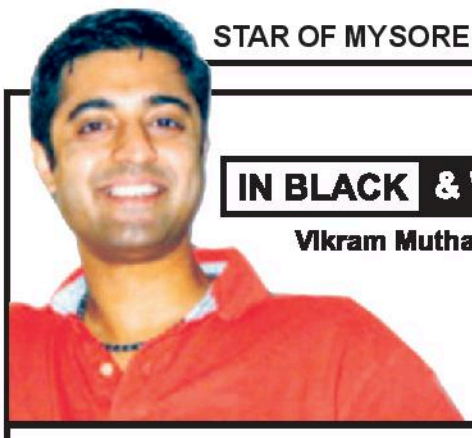
101st birth anniversary of Atal Bihari Vajpayee celebrated

Mysuru, Dec. 27 (VNS)- BJP Chamundeshwari Rural Mandal had organised a cricket tournament as part of 101st birth anniversary celebrations of former Prime Minister of India Atal Bihari Vajpayee on Thursday.

In the final match, Kadakola Mahashakti Kendra defeated Jayapura Mahashakti Kendra by 85 runs to emerge as winners.

The trophies to the winners and runner-up teams were distributed by Mysuru-Kodagu MP Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar during the valedictory ceremony held at BJP City and District Head Quarters in Chamarajapuram.

BJP City President L. Nagendra, District President Kumbarahalli Subbanna, BJP Rajya Prakoshta Convenor N.V. Phaneesh, Chamundeshwari Mandal President Pailwan T. Ravi and others were present.



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Vikram Muthanna

Free Mysuru's Footpaths

Two days ago, a 40-year-old balloon vendor was filling helium balloons for children near the Jayamarthanda Gate of Mysore Palace. Seconds later, the cylinder exploded. The vendor was killed instantly. Six bystanders, including women and children, were badly injured and two of the women died later.

Just two months ago, a four-year-old boy died of burns after hot oil from a food vendor on the footpath spilt on him.

These tragedies are caused by municipal negligence. Period.

The balloon vendor was illegally using a pressurised gas cylinder on one of the city's busiest footpaths during the holiday season. Yet no official thought it necessary to stop him until he was blown apart in public view.

This tragedy is not an exception. It is how Mysuru now functions.

Mysuru today feels unadministered. Footpaths have turned into food-paths. Flex boards dot the city like ugly warts. We hear of daylight murders and drug factories and we are barely surprised anymore.

Mysuru is the hometown of our Chief Minister, yet it feels abandoned.

Ironically, just 100 metres from the Chief Minister's new palatial house, more than 20 illegal food carts have sprung up. The administration is powerless or worse, unwilling to act.

Across the city, LPG cylinders are used openly on pavements to cook *dosas, samosas, momos* and *gobi manchurian*.

Gas hoses snake across pavements. Cylinders sit inches away from naked flames, plastic chairs and petrol-filled scooters.

It is a miracle Mysuru has not witnessed more explosions.

When enforcement begins, it is sabotaged by *"pressure from elected representatives."* Many carts belong to local leaders who rent them out. Vendors pay daily *'prasad'* to the Police and Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) officials.

No wonder over 150 licensed hotels have shut down in recent years. They pay GST, property tax and licence fees, while illegal eateries enjoy political protection and zero overheads.

We know this *'scheme'*. The Government needs money and then can get both revenue and public safety if they move street vendors off footpaths and into regulated buildings or designated vending zones.

Formalising their operations will compel compliance with safety norms, licensing requirements and most importantly taxation.

Today, what should rightfully flow into the State exchequer is instead leaking into the pockets of officials through the *'prasad'* scheme. In most European cities, street vending is not banned — it is regulated.

In Paris, food trucks and street vendors operate only in designated zones, with strict licensing, fire-safety certification and penalties for violations. LPG cylinders require inspection tags and annual safety audits.

In Berlin, vending permits are location-specific and time-bound. Police confiscate equipment instantly if safety rules are violated.

In Barcelona, hawkers are restricted to vending corridors away from pedestrian choke-points and cooking with open flames on pavements is simply illegal.

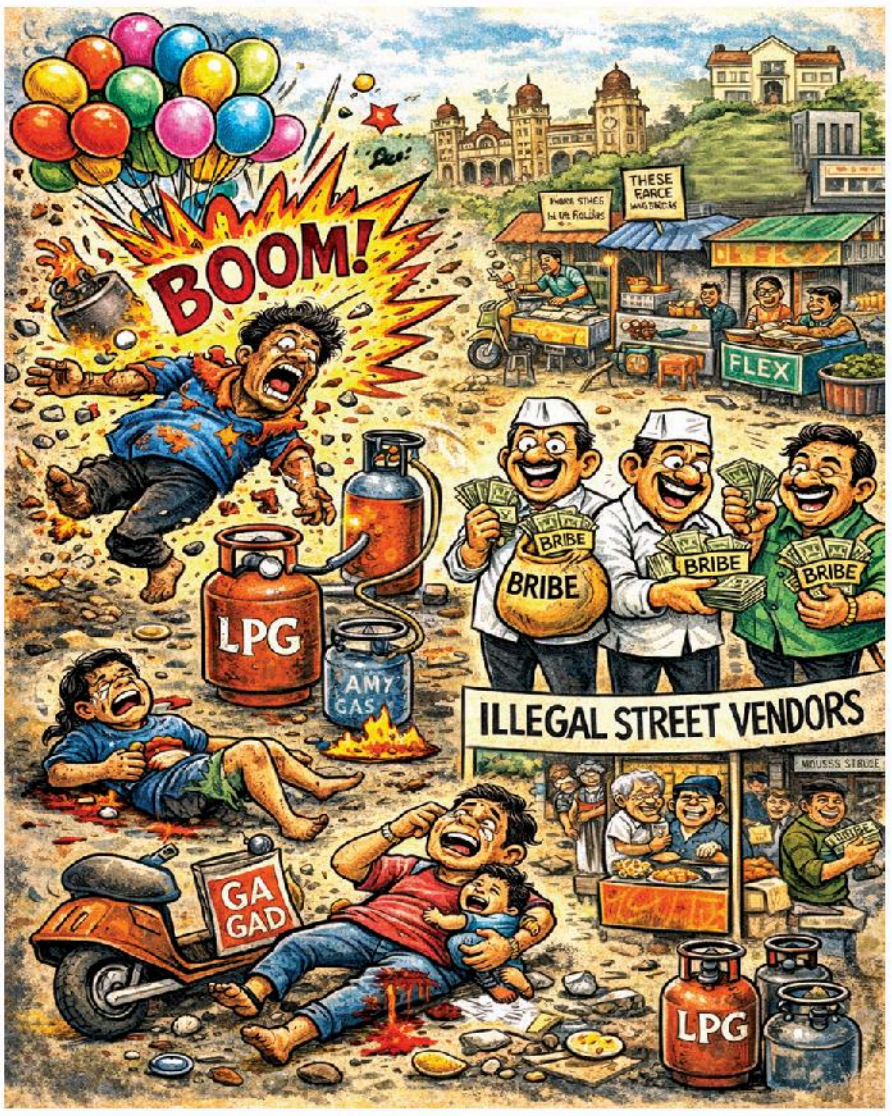
Singapore and Bangkok are legendary for their street food, but they are quite regulated for safety, quality and hygiene. We should learn from nations where vendors exist, but pedestrians come first.

While pavements in Mysuru are becoming tinderboxes, public works are turning roads into minefields.

Roads are dug up during peak hours. Zebra crossings are painted at the 9 am peak hour traffic. Unscientific humps appear without warning. Incomplete footpaths contain death holes.

The Supreme Court once said pothole deaths are *"unacceptable and frightening, worse than terrorism."* Yet contractors continue daylight chaos with no accountability.

Public works here are not designed for safety. They are designed for kickbacks. So public safety has never really been a concern for the Government.



But this tragedy is not Government-made alone. It is co-authored by us.

We don't care about our own safety. We wear helmets on our arms, not our heads. We buy fake ISI-marked helmets knowing they will snap at the first impact.

We gather on the railway tracks to watch Ram Leela. We jump out of moving trains. We dash across highways to save two minutes. And when accidents happen, we blame destiny.

Maruti Suzuki once found that when offered airbags for Rs. 6,000, only 5 percent of Alto buyers opted for them. We don't care about our own safety, so why would the Government?

Then, of course, we never vote for our collective cause. We vote for our caste and cash. That being the case, what can you expect but an explosion here, an oil spill there and potholes everywhere.

Where are the activists now? Where is the so-called 'woke' generation? We saw marches for *"free Palestine"* last year in Mysuru! Where is the march for a 'free Mysuru's footpaths', the one we actually use every day?

Today, educated Mysureans passionately debate about Donald Trump, free Palestine, Modi Vs Rahul. Meanwhile, they ignore Mysuru, its air, its water, its dying trees and its broken roads.

Mysuru is your city. Not Washington. Not Gaza. Not Delhi. So, worry about Mysuru first.

Politicians and bureaucrats will continue to profit from chaos. We will enable it with our silence. And we will pay for it with our blood as our air, water and footpaths are polluted, one explosion at a time.

It is time, Mysureans stopped being spectators and became citizens again.

Dear readers, *I wish you all a healthy and joyous year ahead. I also thank you all for reading what I write and hopefully I have done my job of entertaining, informing and evoking a moment of introspection. Once again, wish you all a very Happy New Year.*

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Absence of CCTV footage hampers blast probe

Despite 150 cameras and PTZ coverage at gates, sequence of events goes uncaptured

Mysuru, Dec. 27 (MTY,RK& BS)- As the investigation deepens into the helium cylinder blast where three persons were killed, including the balloon vendor, investigators are grappling with several gaps and limited leads.

A major hurdle in the investigation has been the absence of usable CCTV footage. Police sources said that a flex board obstructed the line of sight between a nearby camera and the blast site, depriving investigators of crucial visuals.

With technical evidence forming a key component of modern policing, CCTV footage often helps reconstruct events and identify suspects. However, in this case, the lack of clear visuals has hampered efforts to piece together the sequence of events before and after the explosion.

So far, apart from around two kg of helium powder seized from the blast site and the personal belongings of the deceased balloon vendor, Saleem, no major recoveries have been made.

Police also searched the rooms of a lodge in Mandi Mohalla where Saleem and four others from two families had been staying for the past fortnight. However, investigators could recover only clothes belonging to the deceased, with no other material evidence found.

The two other balloon vendors, who were with Saleem at the time of the incident, have been detained and are being questioned. Police have also recovered Saleem's mobile phone from the blast site and recorded statements from his wife, who was staying with him at the lodge.

Moved shortly before blast

Police sources said that Saleem was selling balloons near the Varaha Gate, the main entrance of the Palace, a few minutes before the incident.

He later moved towards the Jayamarthanda Gate, where the explosion occurred at around 8.30 pm. "Had the cylinder exploded near the Varaha Gate, the impact could have been far more severe due to the heavy crowd," a source said.

Chemical mix suspected

According to preliminary findings by Forensic Science Laboratory (FSL) experts, the blast may have been triggered by the mixing of sodium powder and other chemicals beyond permissible limits inside the cylinder. Detailed forensic analysis is awaited.

CCTV blind spot

There are nearly 150 CCTV cameras installed in and around the Mysore Palace premises, including 360-degree pan-tilt-zoom (PTZ) cameras at entry and exit gates. However, none of the cameras captured visuals of the blast, Police sources said.

Vendor regulation concerns

Police have identified around 250 roadside vendors and hawkers operating around the Palace, along with nearly 50 touts allegedly involved in misleading tourists and diverting them to shops in return for commission.

Sources said that Mysore Palace Board has written at least 11 letters to the City Police Commissioner — including four routed through the Deputy Commissioner's office — seeking action against unauthorised vendors, but no concrete steps have been taken so far.

One-day trip turns tragic...

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They were joined by Ranjitha — the sister of Lakshmi's husband, Rajesh — and her son Nihaal from Belavadi. The family first visited Himavad Gopalaswamy Hill in Gundlupet taluk of Chamarajanagar district, followed by a trip to the Srikanteshwaraswamy Temple in Nanjangud and another nearby shrine.

Caught off guard

After returning to Mysuru, they visited the Dasara Exhibition Grounds in the evening. After spending nearly an hour and a half at the exhibition, the family decided to postpone their planned visit to the Mysore Palace to next Monday and began walking towards the bus stand when the blast caught them off guard.

Recalling the moments after the explosion, a teary-eyed Dimple said in a frail voice, "Immediately after the blast, my mother and aunt collapsed on the ground. Police personnel and autorickshaw drivers who were nearby rushed to help and shifted them to the hospital."

Dimple's father, Rajesh, an autorickshaw driver in Bengaluru, rushed to the hospital with his relatives on Friday morning. Unable to hold back his tears, he said, "The doctors told us that my wife's condition was critical. My daughter escaped with only minor injuries." Meanwhile, Ranjitha's husband, Vinod, said that she is responding to treatment and is out of danger.

Helium cylinder blast case

Two women succumb to injuries at hospital

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Her grief-stricken brother, Nagendra, told the media, "On Thursday, we had our meal together. The tragedy struck as she was walking to catch the bus. When we reached the hospital, I visited her in the ICU. She tried to speak, but by evening, the doctors pronounced her dead."

Lakshmi, who had sustained severe injuries to her abdomen, leg and hand, passed away around 8.30 pm.

Brother dies of shock after sister's death

Mysuru, Dec. 27 (MTY&BS)- Shocked by the death of his sister in the helium cylinder blast outside the Jayamarthanda Gate of Mysore Palace on Thursday night, a man reportedly died of cardiac arrest in city this morning. Parameshwar (60), elder brother of Manjula and a resident of K.T. Street in Mysuru, passed away around 6.30 am.

Parameshwar

Deep distress

He had visited his sister at K.R. Hospital on Friday, where she was undergoing treatment for grievous injuries sustained in the blast. Family members said, he was deeply distressed over her condition and went into severe shock after learning of her death later that evening.

Meanwhile, the post-mortem of Manjula's body was conducted this morning, after which her mortal remains were taken to her residence at Chamalapura Beedhi in Nanjangud, where her last rites were performed later in the day.

Compensation sought for daughter

Relatives of Lakshmi, another victim who died in the blast, visited the K.R. Hospital mortuary, where her body was kept.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore,* Lakshmi's relatives, who had arrived from her native P. Hosahalli in Mandya, demanded that the Government deposit the compensation amount in the name of her daughter, Dimple.

They said that Dimple, a bright student and class topper, should be assured continued support for her education. The family added that both Dimple and her father, Rajesh, were inconsolable following the tragedy. It is learnt that Lakshmi's body was taken to her native after the post-mortem for the last rites.

BJP questions Police, seeks NIA probe

Mysuru, Dec. 27 (BLU&DM)- Raising suspicions over the helium cylinder blast that occurred while a balloon was being filled near Jayamarthanda Gate of Mysore Palace on Thursday night, State BJP OBC Morcha President Raghu R. Kautilya said the incident has created fear among city residents.

Addressing a press conference at the BJP office in Chamarajapuram this morning, Raghu said a series of disturbing incidents in and around the Palace area over the past couple of months had caused concern among Mysureans. Recalling the kidnapping, rape and murder of a young balloon seller in the Palace vicinity a few months ago, he said such incidents had shaken public confidence.

Alleging that District In-charge Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa had taken the blast lightly, Raghu questioned the efficiency of the State Intelligence wing and the functioning of the Police. "The helium cylinder blast has raised several suspicions. The Police must investigate why and how the balloon vendor stayed in a lodge for several days and examine his activities as well," he said.

Demanding a National Investigation Agency (NIA) probe to unearth all aspects of the incident, Raghu warned that the State Government would be solely responsible if any catastrophic incident occurred in or around the Palace, which attracts thousands of visitors from across the country every day. He also called for tightening Palace security and taking action against footpath encroachments around the heritage site.

City BJP president L. Nagendra, who also addressed the press meet, alleged that the State Government had treated the blast incident casually. "Thousands of domestic and international tourists visit the famed Mysore Palace and Chamundi Hill every day. Such shocking incidents create a sense of insecurity among tourists and will adversely impact tourism," he said.

Alleging a breakdown of law and order in Mysuru, Nagendra said the city was gripped by safety concerns and urged the City Police Commissioner to take stronger measures to ensure the security of residents.

Former Mayor Shivakumar, party office-bearers M.P. Rajesh, Mahesh Raje Urs, Paduvarahalli Ramakrishna and others were present.

SDM-IMD hosts International Economics Conference

Bharat Emerging as Voice of Global South: Maj. Gen. Rajiv Narayanan

Maj. Gen. Rajiv Narayanan (Retd.), AVSM, VSM, Professor of Practice at IIT Madras, seen lighting the lamp to inaugurate the 10th International Economics Conference at SDM-IMD, Chamundi Hill Road, Siddarthanagar, Mysuru, recently as others look on.

Mysuru, Dec. 27- "The indomitable rise of India, its legacy as a global manufacturing hub, strong domestic consumption capacity, economic and military strength, and the impact of Operation Sindoor have positioned the country for strategic autonomy. These are the pillars of Bharat's growing strength. India has today emerged as the voice of the Global South and carries significant diplomatic heft," said Maj. Gen. Rajiv Narayanan (Retd.), AVSM, VSM, Professor of Practice at IIT Madras.

He was delivering the inaugural address at the 10th International Conference on Economic Growth and Sustainable Development: Emerging Trends, organised by Shri Dharmasthala Manjunatheshwara Institute for Management Development (SDM-IMD), Chamundi Hill Road, Siddarthanagar, Mysuru recently.

Speaking on the theme "Global Geopolitics: Reflections on the Indian Macro Economy," Maj. Gen. Narayanan highlighted India's emergence as a rising global economic power.

Referring to the concept of the 'Rise and Fall of Great Powers: The 400-Year Cycle,' he analysed the current positioning of several nations within this framework. He observed that Bharat stands at the 'cusp of rise' and that the Indian economy is increasingly contributing to global economic stability.

He added that the success of Operation Sindoor has further strengthened India's defence exports and boosted the expansion of its defence industry.

Prof. M. S. Sriram, Professor at IIM Bangalore, delivered the keynote address, focusing on India's agricultural economy. Calling agriculture "a circular economy," he pointed out the persistent challenges around sustainability.

Speaking on the co-operative movement, he remarked that while capital investment is essential, profitability need not rely solely on financial returns — it can also stem from intellectual contributions.

Dr. (Lt. Col.) S.N. Prasad, Director, SDM-IMD, in his opening remarks, emphasised the unpredictable nature of global economic behaviour.

Talk on film 'Dhurandhar': Facts, Fiction and Review

Ravi Joshi

Mysuru, Dec. 27- Mysore Open Forum (MOF) has organised a talk on 'Dhurandhar the Film: Facts, Fiction and a Review' by Ravi Joshi, ex-R&AW Officer at 10.30 am on Sunday (Dec. 28) at Kalpa Kshetra, 581/1, Vijayanagar 4th Stage.

Ravi Joshi is an old student of Manasagangothri, where he did his MA in Political Science in 1974 after which he went on to do his M.Phil on China from the School of International Studies at Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi.

He passed the Civil Services exams in 1977 and joined the Indian Ordnance Factories Service and later moved to the Ministry of Defence as Under Secretary in 1986. In August 1988 he joined the Indian external intelligence service, the Research & Analysis Wing and served there for over 25 years. He has had three diplomatic assignments in the Maldives, Kenya and Austria during which he also served as India's Alternate Permanent Representative to two UN agencies, the United Nations Environment Program (UNEP) in Nairobi, Kenya and the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) in Vienna, Austria.

The talk is open to all. For details call Mob: 94498-10536.

CII unites Industry - Academia for City-wide Tree Census Initiative

FROM LEFT: ***Preet Kushalappa Kodira, Co-Convenor, CII Mysuru CSR & Women Panel & Associate Vice-President - HRD, Infosys Ltd.; Savitha Mallappa, Convenor, CII Mysuru CSR & Women Panel & Chief Executive Officer, rProcess Outsourcing Services Pvt Ltd.; Prof. Smitha Hegde, Director, Centre for Advanced Learning (CFAL); Nagaraja Gargeshwari, Chairman, CII Mysuru, President & Director, Automotive Axles Limited; Vijay Moras, Trustee, CFAL and Solomon Pushparaj, Head- CII Mysuru.***

Mysuru, Dec. 27- The Confederation of Indian Industry (CII), Mysuru Zone, marked the beginning of a collaborative, city-focused Tree Census initiative with a well-attended event on Dec.22.

The programme brought together over 100 participants from industry, academic institutions and student volunteers, reflecting strong interest in contributing to Mysuru's environmental sustainability through on-ground action.

The initiative is being steered by CII Mysuru CSR & DEI Panel, with active support from the Health, Safety, Environment & Wellness Panel and the Industry-Institute Interaction Panel.

Nagaraja Gargeshwari, Chairman, CII Mysuru Zone, emphasised that responsible city development requires industries and institutions to look beyond their boundaries and work collectively for long-term public good.

He placed on record his appreciation for Prof. Smitha Hegde of Centre For Advanced Learning (CFAL), Mangaluru, for guiding the programme and anchoring the methodology.

During the session, Prof. Smitha Hegde highlighted that a scientific yet simple approach to tree documentation is critical for meaningful outcomes. She noted that the use of a standardised, app-based process enables diverse teams to contribute consistently, making city-wide coverage achievable through coordinated participation.

The initiative builds on the efforts of Mysuru Green Projects (MGP) and CFAL, along with academic institutions in Mysuru and seeks to take the exercise forward at a larger scale.

Going ahead, the Tree Census will be driven through joint teams formed by industry and academia, working together across wards to ensure systematic progress.

For details contact Vivek Bharadwaj on Mob: 85533-95747.

Rotary's Disease Prevention and Treatment Month

Rotary Mysore distributes 230 insulin bags to rural beneficiaries

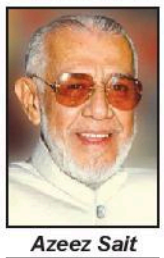
Mysuru, Dec. 27- Rotary Mysore, in observance of Rotary International's Disease Prevention and Treatment Month, distributed over 230 insulin storage bags to patients in need. This impactful initiative was made possible through the sponsorship of Sunil of *Living Style Furniture*.

The distribution ceremony was attended by eminent medical and community leaders, including Dr. K.R. Dakshayani, Dean & Director, MMC&RI; Sunil & family, *Living Style;* Dr. H. Sunil, Governing Council Member; D. Ravi Shankar, President, Rotary Mysore; G. Sanjay, Secretary, Rotary Mysore; Dr. N. Pradeep, Head of Paediatrics; Dr. Nagendra, In-charge, Paediatric Diabetic Clinic; Dr. M. R. Savitha, Senior Professor. Alongside these dignitaries, several Rotarians were present to extend their support and solidarity, underscoring Rotary's collective commitment to community health.

These specially designed insulin bags will enable patients to safely carry and store insulin at the required temperature, ensuring continuity of treatment and better health outcomes. Many of the beneficiaries travelled from rural areas located 20 to 30 kilometres outside Mysuru, highlighting the critical need for accessible healthcare support in underserved communities.

Speaking at the event, Rotary Mysore President emphasised the organisation's dedication to community health, preventive care and patient support, aligning with Rotary's global mission to fight disease and strengthen healthcare systems.

Azeez Sait death anniversary tomorrow



Azeez Sait

Mysuru, Dec. 27- The 24th death anniversary of Alhaj Azeez Sait, former Minister and father of MLA Tanveer Sait, will be observed on Sunday (Dec. 28) from 4.45 pm to 6 pm at Masjid-e-Abu Akheel, Azeez Sait Nagar, Mysuru.

Recitation of Holy Quran, Fateha Khani and Dua-e-Maghfirat will be held, stated a press release from K.C. Shoukath Pasha, President, The Muslim Co-operative Bank Ltd., Mysuru.

Weekend holiday: Tourists throng city

Heavy tourist inflow during Christmas holiday and the extended weekend led to a traffic jam near Mysore Palace yesterday. Picture right shows a Police constable manually regulating traffic at Mysore Race Course Circle to ease congestion.

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Chamundi Hill also witnessed a heavy rush of devotees seeking the blessings of Goddess Chamundeshwari, resulting in long queues that stretched for hours. Even the special darshan queue, which requires a Rs. 100 ticket, remained packed throughout the day.

St. Philomena's Church emerged as another major focal point during Christmas, with thousands gathering to witness the festivities and admire the church's historic grandeur.

Traffic infra strained

The tourist surge, however, brought the city's traffic infrastructure under severe strain. Central areas of Mysuru witnessed frequent traffic snarls as a large number of cars, buses, minibuses and tempo travellers entered the city.

At the Mysore Palace, both designated parking areas were filled, forcing tourists to park along Ramanuja Road, Shankar Mutt Road and nearby stretches.

Major junctions including Gun House Circle, Corporation Circle, Basaveshwara Circle, K.R. Circle, Chamaraja Wadiyar Circle and Jayachamaraja Wadiyar Circle (Hardinge Circle) saw long queues of vehicles and prolonged congestion from morning till late at night.

Despite traffic police working tirelessly to regulate movement, the sheer volume of tourist vehicles made congestion unavoidable, officials said.

Beyond the city, heavy footfall was also reported at popular destinations such as the Krishna Raja Sagara (KRS) dam, Ranganathittu Bird Sanctuary and Srirangapatna.

The influx was not limited to local travellers alone. Mysuru witnessed a significant number of visitors from neighbouring Kerala, where many families celebrated Christmas at home and then travelled from Friday onwards to explore Mysuru's cultural landmarks and heritage sites.

108 Surya Namaskaras at K. Hemmanahalli tomorrow

Mysuru, Dec. 27- On the occasion of Uttarayana, a mass yoga programme featuring 108 Surya Namaskaras will be organised tomorrow (Dec. 28) at Sri Mahalingeshwara Temple premises, K. Hemmanahalli, 9th km, Bogadi Road, Mysuru.

The programme will begin with the recitation of the Aditya Hridaya Stotra, composed by Maharshi Agastya, followed by the collective performance of 108 Surya Namaskaras, comprising the traditional 12-step sequence.

The event will commence at 6 am and concludes at 8 am.

No prior registration is required to participate. Participants are requested to bring their own yoga mats. Breakfast will be served after the programme.

The event is being organised with the support of the Yoga and Naturopathy Centre, AYUSH Department, K.G. Koppal, Mysuru and Sri Patanjali Yoga Education Committee, Mysuru.

For details, contact Yoga Instructor Ravikumar on Mob: 99869-19032 or Ananthavardhan on Mob: 94492-64920.

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President Murmu to embark on submarine sea sortie in Karwar tomorrow

She will be the second Head of State after late Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam to engage in such an exercise

New Delhi, Dec. 27 (Agencies)- President Droupadi Murmu, who is also the Supreme Commander of Armed Forces, will embark submarine on sea sortie in a historic naval engagement on Sunday (Dec. 28) at Karwar Harbour.

The sortie is a part of President Murmu's four-day official tour to Goa, Karnataka and Jharkhand from Dec. 27 to Dec. 30. She will be the only second President to sail in a submarine after late Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam, who embarked similar sortie aboard INS Sindhurakshak in 2006.

The event will take place at the Karwar Naval Base, home to "Project Seabird", the largest naval infrastructure project in the Eastern Hemisphere. The submarine sea sortie follows her previous sorties in Rafale fighter jet on Oct. 29 this year and Sukhoi-30 MKI fighter jet in 2023.

President Murmu will arrive in Karwar from Goa on an Army helicopter at 10 am on Dec. 28 and will visit INS Vikrant, India's first aircraft carrier, following which she will embark submarine sea sortie during which she will stay underwater for some time.

Droupadi Murmu

Fishing banned temporarily

Following President Murmu's visit to Karwar Harbour the authorities have banned fishing activities around Karwar and Ankola from early morning on Dec. 28 till 3.30 pm. The fishermen have been instructed not to enter the sea with their boats.

Meanwhile, high alert has been sounded at naval base following President Murmu's visit. Higher officials of Indian Navy have camped in naval base and are overseeing security arrangements.

Following her visit to Karwar Harbour, President Murmu will visit Jamshedpur to take part in the 15th Convocation of National Institute of Technology on Dec. 29 and will preside over the centenary celebrations of the Ol Chiki script later in the day.

The four-day tour concludes on Dec.30 in Gumla also in Jharkhand where the President will participate in the Antarrajyiy Jansanskritik Samagam Samaroh (Inter-state Folk Culture Gathering), also known as the Kartik Jatra.

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Veena Quartet tomorrow
at Mysore Vasudevacharya's house

Mysuru, Dec. 27- Swara School of Music, based in Dallas-Fort Worth metroplex, US, will be presenting a Veena Quartet Concert on Sunday (Dec. 28) at Mysore Vasudevacharya's house near Agrahara.

The participating artistes are **Sahana Ram, Lakshya Meiyappan, Siri Bharadwaj** and **Shravya Bharati.** The quartet is being supported by senior percussionists **Vid. G.S. Ramanujam** and **Vid. V.S. Ramesh,** respectively on mridanga and morching.

The concert, scheduled to start at 10.30 am, is open to all music lovers.

Sahana Ram

Lakshya Meiyappan

Siri Bharadwaj

Shravya Bharati

Disciples of Vidu. Vasundhara Kikkeri in her highly respected Swara School of Music, the four young have learnt Veena from their childhood. All the four have exceptional academic skills as well. They have presented many concerts and have participated in group shows, including the Guinness World Record event showcasing Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda Swamiji. They are also taking part in this year's Margazhi Season in Chennai, rendering three full concerts.

For details, contact Mob: 98802-55920.

Nirantara Kalemane Fest to feature Salake Sutrada Bombeyata

Mysuru, Dec. 27- Kumar Performing Arts Centre (KPAC), Mysuru, has organised the 67th International Special Nirantara Kalemane Festival at its Kalemane Sabhaangana in Hebbal 2nd Stage tomorrow (Dec. 28) at 2.30 pm.

The chief guests for the festival will be N. Srivatsa, Principal, Sri Chamarajendra School for Excellence, Mysuru, R. Jnaneshwar Singh, art patron, Mysuru and Dr. Jamunarani V. Mirle, a multi-talented artiste, Mysuru.

Special dance troupes participating in this Festival are as follows:

Students of Shakti School of Bharatanatyam, Los Angeles, USA, founded by senior dance guru Viji Prakash, will present a special Bharatanatyam dance programme titled 'Samarpan.'

It will be followed by 'Salake Sutrada Bombeyata' (one of Karnataka's ancient and rare folk art forms), which will be presented in a traditional classical style, by the artistes of Sutramela Puppet Theatre, Bengaluru — Story 'Sri Krishna Parijata' has been directed by Ravindra Narahari.

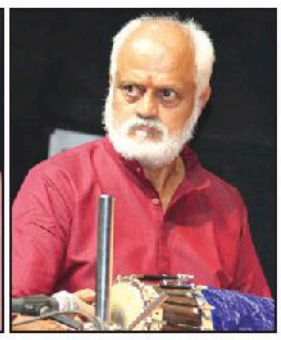
Thirdly, students of Aarathi Arun, Director and Guru of Sri Ganesha Sangeeta Nrityalaya Charitable Trust, Mysuru, will present a Bharatanatyam dance programme.

Entry to the Festival is free.

Karnatak classical vocal concert

Vidu. M.R. Sudha

Vid. Venkatesha Josyer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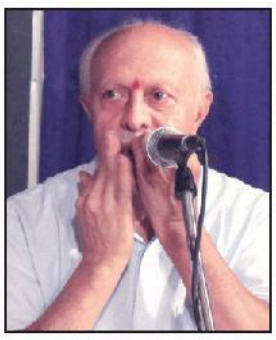
Vid. V.S. Ramesh

Mysuru, Dec. 27- Sri Thyagaraja Sangeetha Sabha Charitable Trust, Mysuru, has organised a Karnatak classical vocal concert by Vidu. M.R. Sudha at 6 pm on Monday (Dec. 29) at Veene Seshanna Bhavana, Ganabharathi, Kuvempunagar.

She will be accompanied by Vid. Venkatesha Josyer on violin, Vid. G.S. Ramanujam on mridanga and Vid. V.S. Ramesh on morching.

Artiste's Profile: Vidu. Sudha was born into a family of rich musical lineage. Her father Vid. M.J. Ramaswamy Iyengar was a vainika who was the younger brother of veena artiste and guru, Vid. M.J. Srinivasa Iyengar.

She had her higher training in music from Vidu. Gowri Kuppuswamy, who was a prominent disciple of Vidu. M.L. Vasanthakumari and a reputed performer and guru and former Principal of University of Mysore Fine Arts College, Mysuru.

Sudha is a rank holder in her Vidwat exam and is an Akashvani artiste. She has widely performed in many prestigious platforms and earned the appreciation of rasikas for her serene music, mellifluous voice and carrying forward the bani of maestros GNB and T. Kalyanaraman. Many music critics have reviewed her concerts in high esteem.

EVENTS TOMORROW (DEC. 28)

- **Sri Lakshminarasimhaswamy Temple of Melukote Yadugiri Yatiraj Mutt, Mysuru Branch:** Dhanurmasa Puja, Temple premises, Jayalakshmipuram, **5.30 am to 10 am and 5.30 pm to 7.30 pm.**
- **Mysore District Athletic Association (MDAA) and Physical Education Teachers Academy Trust:** 60th State-level Cross Country Championship 2025, near Lalitha Mahal helipad, **6.30 am;** 4-km Awareness Run Against Drugs, for school and college students and prize distribution, Home Minister Dr. G. Parameshwar, Chamaraja MLA K. Harishgowda, Chamundeshwari MLA G.T. Devegowda, Gundlupet MLA H.M. Ganesh Prasad, Director of Para Olympic Committee of India and first President of South Asia Para Sports Federation K.R. Sathyanarayan, International Cross Country Athlete H.N. Anand Kumar, President of Physical Education Teachers Academy Trust Dr. C. Krishna, Secretary of Karnataka State Athletics Association Rajavelu, Assistant Director of Department of Youth Empowerment & Sports (DYES) Bhaskar Nayak, Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Cycle Pure Agarbathi Suresh and Organising Secretary B. Srikanth will be present, Awareness Run flag off from Chamundi Vihar Stadium, **9 am.** [Mob: 97318-08008]
- **Central Government Pensioners' Association (CGPA), Mysuru:** Pensioners Day celebrations, Sadvidya Pathashala premises, Narayana Shastri Road, **10 am.** [Mob: 94496-21314]
- **Mysore Palace Board:** Winter Festival - Flower Show, Palace premises, **10 am to 9 pm;** Palace illumination, **7 pm to 9 pm.**
- **Mysore Open Forum (MOF):** Talk on 'Dhurandhar the Film: Facts, Fiction and a Review' by Ravi Joshi, ex-R&AW Officer, Kalpa Kshetra, 581/1, Vijayanagar 4th Stage, 1st Phase, **10.30 am.** [Mob: 94498-10536]
- **Bharatiya Jyotirvijnana Samshodhana Kendra:** Distribution of certificates to students who passed 2025-26 academic year, Sri Trinetra Mahanta Shivayogi Swamiji of Chandravana Ashram, Srirangapatna, graces the occasion, MLA T.S. Srivatsa inaugurates, retd. Tumkur University Prof. Y.N. Siddegowda chief guest, ADC Dr. P. Shivaraju distributes certificates, Aradhya Mahasabha, JLB Road, **10.30 am.**
- **Smt. Jayalakshmamma B.S. Sannaiah Trust:** Sri B.S. Sannaiah Literary Award Presentation Ceremony, retd. English Professor Dr. C. Naganna inaugurates, retd. Karnataka Sanskrit University Vice-Chancellor (VC) Dr. Padma Shekar presents the award to Dr. Y.C. Bhanumati (retd. Senior Researcher of Kuvempu Institute of Kannada Studies (KIKS), University of Mysore), Trust President S. Susheela Lakshmegowda and Publisher D.N. Lokappa of Samvahana Publications will be present, Green Heritage Hotel, near Marimallappa's School, **10.30 am.**
- **Kalasuruchi:** Sahitya Chavadi, Professor and writer **Dr. H.L. Chandrashekar** delivers talk on 'Sarasa Sangeetha: Sahitya-Sangeetha Sambandha mattu Soundarya Meemamse,' Suruchi Rangamane, Chitrabanu Road, Kuvempuanagar, **10.30 am.**

- **Ursu Yuvajana Vedike:** 39th Kannada Rajyotsava celebrations, Dr. Prashanth Urs, Senior Consultant Neonatologist and Paediatrician, Apollo Hospital, Bengaluru, inaugurates, Dharmendra Kumar, historian, chief guest, Puneeth Raje Urs, President, Ursu Yuvajana Vedike, presides, M.A. Srikanth Raje Urs, President, Ursu Mandali Sangha and Hon. President, Ursu Yuvajana Vedike, and others special invitees, Jaganmohan Palace, **4 pm.**
- **Parampare:** Bhajans/ Devaranama by Nrityalaya troupe, Krishnamurthypuram; Dr. Veena Bannanje delivers lecture on 'Srimad Bhagavatha,' Mysore Vasudevacharya Bhavana, JLB Road, **6 pm.** [Mob: 99860-37311]
- **Sri Ramakrishna Ashram, Mysuru:** Swami Aghaharanandaji will speak on 'Sri Ramakrishnara Pratipadakaragi Swami Vivekananda' in Kannada, Ashram premises, Yadavagiri, **6 pm to 6.50 pm.**
- **Rangayana:** Staging of play 'Kandagal Bharata' by Rangayana, Dharwad, directed by Dr. Prakash Garuda, music by Raghava Kammara, Bhoomigeeta, Rangayana premises, **6.30 pm.**
- **Sri Krishna Ganasabha:** S.R. Kumudha Memorial Programme - Veena concert by Vidu. N. Bharathi, accompanied by Vid. S. Kumaraswamy on mridanga and Vid. Raghunandana Raghava on ghata; S.R. Kumudha Memorial Trust President Nandakumar inaugurates, Alwar Kala Bhavana, Gokulam 3rd Stage, **6.30 pm.**
- **Nritya Samskruti - Dance School:** Nritya Sinchana-2025, Music Feature 'Sarvam Shivamayam (Paramanandada Saarakke Ondu Payana),' accompanied by Vidu. Chandini Manoj on nattuvanga, Vid. M.S. Naveen on vocal, Vid. Vikram Bharadwaj on mridanga and Vid. Samrudh Srinivas on flute, Mysore Palace Board Dy. Director T.S. Subramanya & retd. Akashvani Programme Manager Prabhuswamy Malimath chief guests, Ganabharathi's Ramagovinda Kalavedike, Kuvempunagar, **6.30 pm.**
- **Avadhoota Datta Peetham:** 4k Projection Mapping on 45-ft tall Karya Siddhi Hanuman statue, Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda (SGS) Ashram, Dattanagar, Nanjangud Road, **(3 Shows) 7.10 pm, 7.40 pm and 8.10 pm.**

[See EVENTS TODAY (Dec. 27) on Page-11]

Staging of comedy play 'Parameshi Prema Prasanga' at Natana tomorrow

Mysuru, Dec. 27- Rangavalli. Mysuru, will be staging the comedy play 'Parameshi Premaprasanga' at Natana School of Theatre Arts in Ramakrishnanagar, Mysuru, tomorrow (Dec. 28) at 6.30 pm.

The play is written by renowned theatre director Srinivasa Prabhu and directed by Raviprasad.

Stage design is by designer H.K. Dwarakanath, lighting by Madhu Ninasam, music by Manju Mangala, make-up by C.V. Saritha and costumes by Raghavendra Boodnoor and Hariprasad.

Ticket is priced at Rs. 150. For details and tickets, contact Mob: 99646-56482.

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  Mark (K) (Ta) - 4 Shows
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  45 (K) - 3 Shows
- **Rajkamal Theatre** — **Ph: 2423554**
  45 (K) - 4 Shows
- **Gayathri Theatre** — **Ph: 2443568**
  The Devil (K) - 4 Shows
- **Mahadeshwara Theatre** — **Mob: 99008-20093**
  The Devil (K) - 4 Shows
- **Lido Theatre** — **Ph: 2420885**
  Vrusshabha (K) - 4 Shows
- **Prabha Theatre** — **Mob: 98454-14691**
  Kantara: A Legend Chapter - 1 (K) - 4 Shows
- **Balaji Theatre** — **Mob: 98863-25207**
  Dhurandhar (H) - 3 Shows

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Mark (K)	(S-1)	6.30 am
	(S-2)	6.30 am
	(S-3)	6.30 am
	(S-4)	6.30 am, 10 am, 1 pm, 4 pm, 7 pm,
Dhurandhar (H)	(S-1)	10 am, 6.05 pm, 10.05 pm
Avatar: Fire & Ash (E-3D)	(S-1)	2.10 pm
	(S-2)	9.35 am
45 (K)	(S-2)	1.30 pm
	(S-3)	4.10 pm
	(S-4)	10 pm
Sirai (Ta)	(S-2)	4.35 pm
Tu Meri Main Tera Main Tera Tu Meri (H)	(S-2)	7.20 pm
Champion (Te)	(S-2)	10.15 pm
The Devil (K)	(S-3)	12.50 pm
Anaconda (E)	(S-3)	7.15 pm
Sarvam Maya (Ma)	(S-3)	9.45 pm

MOVIES AT MYSURU VISION CINEMAS Ph: 2973519

45 (K)	:	10.15 am, 1.15 pm, 4.10, 7.05 pm, 10 pm
Vrusshabha (Ma)	:	11 am
Avatar: Fire and Ash (K)	:	12.20 pm, 6.10 pm
Mark (K)	:	1 pm, 4 pm, 6.50 pm, 9.45 pm
The Devil (K)	:	1.35 pm
Anaconda (E)	:	4.05 pm
Dhurandhar (H)	:	4.50 pm, 9.15 pm
Sarvam Maya (Ma)	:	9.50 pm

MOVIES AT NEXUS MALL

Dhurandhar (H)	:	8.10 am, 11.50 am, 3.30 pm 6.05 pm, 10.30 pm
Mark (K)	:	8.45 am, 9.55 am, 12.40 pm 4.05 pm, 6.50 pm, 10.15 pm
Avatar: Fire & Ash (E-3D)	:	9.10 am, 3.25 pm, 9.40 pm
Tu Meri Main Tera Main Tera Tu Meri (H)	:	9.30 am, 3.05 pm, 10.20 pm
45 (K)	:	9.35 am, 12.25 pm, 3.45 pm 7.10 pm, 9.55 pm
Champion (Te)	:	12.30 pm
Anaconda (E)	:	1.10 pm, 7.25 pm
The Devil (K)	:	3.55 pm
Sarvam Maya (Ma)	:	7.20 pm
Vrusshabha (Ma)	:	7.45 pm
Sirai (Ta)	:	10.25 pm

MOVIES AT GARUDA MALL

45 (K)	:	9.05 am, 12.10 pm, 7.15 pm 10 pm
Dhurandhar (H)	:	9.05 am, 3.10 pm, 5.55, 10.30 pm
Mark (K)	:	9.05 am, 12.05 pm, 2.50 pm 7.25 pm, 10.10 pm
Anaconda (E)	:	9.35 am, 4.45 pm
Tu Meri Main Tera Main Tera Tu Meri (H)	:	11.50 am, 7 pm
The Devil (K)	:	1.20 pm
Avatar: Fire and Ash (E-3D)	:	3.15 pm, 10.20 pm

EVENTS TODAY (DEC. 27)

- **Mysore Palace Board:** Winter Festival - Flower Show, Palace premises, **up to 9 pm;** Palace illumination, **7 pm to 9 pm.**
- **Dr. Chandrashekar's Cauvery Ayurveda Research and Development (CCARD), a dedicated wing of Cauvery Ayurveda Medical College and Hospital, Mysuru and Maharaja Institute of Ayurveda Medical Sciences College and Hospital, Mandya:** Valedictory of 2-day International Conference on 'Intersecting Nutrition, Lifestyle Medicine and Sustainable Health Care,' Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji of Suttur Mutt graces the occasion, Srikshetra Dharmasthala Dharmadhikari Padma Vibhushan Dr. D. Veerendra Heggade chief guest, Cauvery Group of Institutions (CGOI) Chairman Dr. G.R. Chandrashekar presides, SDM Institute of Management Development (SDM-IMD) campus, Chamundi Hill Road, **3 pm.**
- **Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan (BVB), Mysuru:** Bhavanotsava, University of Mysore Vice-Chancellor Prof. N.K. Lokanath chief guest, BVB Mysuru Chairman Dr. C. Naganna presides, Open Air Theatre, Manasagangothri, **5 pm.**
- **Dr. K. Krishnamurthy Research Foundation, Mysuru and Vidyuth Prakashana, Mysuru:** Releasing of three books — 'Panchatantra - Bhaga-1 (Mitrabheda)', 'Haridasara Mundigegalu' and 'Bhagavad Gita Saara Sangraha' — by MLC Dr. D. Thimmaiah, former District Kannada Sahitya Parishat President M. Chandrashekar delivers keynote address, senior littérateur Dr. C.P. Krishnakumar (CPK) presides, Institution of Engineers-India (IEI), JLB Road, **5 pm.**
- **Sri Jayachamaraja Ursu Education Trust, Sri Vani Vilasa Ursu Girls PU College, Nazarbad:** College anniversary celebrations, DDPU M.P. Nagamma chief guest, Trust Hon. Secretary Mahesh N. Urs presides, Sri Vani Vilas Ursu Educational Institutions Chairman Siddappa and Trustees & Members of the Trust will be present, College premises, **5 pm.**
- **Surabhi Ganakala Mandira Charitable Trust, Mysuru:** Yuva Sourabha monthly concert series by talented musicians of Karnataka, Vid. Raghunandan Vyasa Rao chief guest, 'Allied Ragas,' a thematic concert by Vid. Amith Nadig on flute, Vidu. Rakshitha Ramesh on veena, Vid. Sunaada Krishna Amai on mridanga and Skanda Manjunath on ghata, Sri Bidaram Krishnappa's Rama Mandira, **5.30 pm.**
- **Sri Raghavendra Seva Samiti:** Dasavani programme by Vid. Raichur Sheshagiri Das, Sri Raghavendraswamy Mutt, Jayalakshmipuram, **5.30 pm.**
- **Sri Lakshminarasimhaswamy Temple of Melukote Yadugiri Yatiraj Mutt, Mysuru Branch:** Dhanurmasa Puja, Temple premises, Jayalakshmipuram, **5.30 pm to 7.30 pm.**
- **Nadavidyalaya - Academy of Music and Dance, Mysuru:** Bharatanatyam Rangapravesha of A. Rakshitha (daughter of B.R. Anantha Kumar and A.K. Gayathri), disciple of Vidu. Mithra Naveen, accompanied by Vidu. Mithra Naveen on nattuvanga, Vidwan Naveen M.S. Andagar on vocal, Vid. Vivek Krishna on flute and Vid. G.S. Nagaraj on mridanga; Prof. Nagesh V. Bettakote, Vice-Chancellor, Karnataka State Dr. Gangubai Hangal Music and Performing Arts University Mysuru, Natyacharya Prof. K. Ramamurthy Rao, Karnataka Rajyotsava Awardee -2025 & Artistic Director of Noopura Kalavidaru Trust, Mysuru, Ravi Shastri, Vice-President of Sri Krishna Dhama, Mysuru & President of Mysuru Hotel Owners Association Trust, guests of honour, Jaganmohan Palace auditorium, **5.30 pm.**
- **Sri Krishna Ganasabha:** Staging of comedy play 'Muddanna's Promotion Prasanga' by Rangananda Kala Sangha, Mysuru, in memory of Byadarahalli Subbaraje Urs, directed by *Kalavallabha* Rangaswamy; former KSOU VC Dr. N.S. Ramegowda inaugurates, Mangalore Ganesh Beedi Works Managing Trustee M. Jagannath Shenoy chief guest, Sri Krishna Ganasabha President B.S. Sridhararaj Urs presides, Alwar Kala Bhavana, Gokulam 3rd Stage, **6 pm.**
- **Sri Thyagaraja Sangeetha Sabha Charitable Trust:** Vocal concert by Vid. Manasa Nayana, accompanied by Vid. S.N. Narasimhan on violin, Vid. H.L. Shivashankar Swamy on mridanga and Vid. S. Manjunath on ghata, Sri Rama Mandira, Jayanagar, **6 pm.**
- **Parampare:** Bhajans/ Devaranama by Savigana Dasavani, Ramakrishnanagar I-Block; Dr. Veena Bannanje delivers lecture on 'Srimad Bhagavatha,' Mysore Vasudevacharya Bhavana, JLB Road, **6 pm.** [Mob: 99860-37311]
- **Sri Ramakrishna Ashram, Mysuru:** Swami Ishtanathanandaji will speak on 'Kaivalyopanishad' in English, Ashram premises, Yadavagiri, **6 pm to 6.50 pm.**
- **Nirdiganta and Heritage House, Mysuru:** Staging of the play 'Madonna,' Heritage House, Kantharaj Urs Road, Saraswathipuram, **6.30 pm.**
- **Rangayana, Mysuru:** Staging of play 'Vigada Vikramaraya' by students of Bharatiya Rangashikshana Kendra, written by Samsa and directed by Saliyan Umesh Narayan, Vanaranga, Rangayana premises, **6.30 pm.**
- **Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI), Mysuru Branch (SIRC):** Valedictory of SIRC Sub-Regional Conference - 2025 on 'Practice Powerhouse - Strategies to Scale,' Hotel Southern Star, **6.30 pm.**
- **Avadhoota Datta Peetham:** 4k Projection Mapping on 45-ft tall Karya Siddhi Hanuman statue, Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda (SGS) Ashram, Dattanagar, Nanjangud Road, **(3 Shows) 7.10 pm, 7.40 pm and 8.10 pm.**

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MOVIES AT MALL OF MYSORE

Tu Meri Main Tera Main Tera Tu Meri (H)	:	9 am, 4.15 pm
45 (K)	:	9.05 am, 11.55 am, 7.15 pm, 10.20 pm
Mark (K)	:	9.35 am, 9.40 am, 4.50 pm 6.55 pm, 10.10 pm
Dhurandhar (H)	:	12.10 pm, 6.25 pm, 10.30 pm
Anaconda (E)	:	12.40 pm, 7.55 pm
Avatar: Fire and Ash (E)	:	12.50 pm
Avatar: Fire and Ash (E-3D)	:	2.55 pm, 10 pm
The Devil (K)	:	3 pm

MOVIES AT CENTRO MALL

Mark (K)	:	9.15 am, 3.20 pm, 7.05 pm, 10.10 pm
Dhurandhar (H)	:	9.20 am, 12.45 pm, 6.25, 10.30 pm
45 (K)	:	9.40 am, 12.10 pm, 7.15 pm, 10.15 pm
Anaconda (E)	:	9.55 am, 4.50 pm
Tu Meri Main Tera Main Tera Tu Meri (H)	:	12.20 pm, 7.15 pm
Mindiyum Paranjum (Ma)	:	1.25 pm
Avatar: Fire and Ash (E-3D)	:	3.15 pm, 10.20 pm
Vrusshabha (Ma)	:	4.30 pm

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VS
DEFENDANT: SRI M. KAVAN
TO
SRI M.KAVAN, AGED 26 YEARS, S/O N.R.MADHUSUDAN, NO.176, 5TH CROSS, VIDYANAGAR, MYSORE-570011,

SUIT SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION

Whereas the Plaintiff Bank has filed the above suit against the defendant for recovery of the sum of Rs. 6,19,463-20 ps. only with court costs and current interest from the date of suit till realization. The defendant is hereby called upon to appear before this Hon'ble Court on 03.02.2026 at 11 a.m., personally or through an Advocate to answer the claim of the plaintiff. On failure to appear, the above case will be proceeded further in the absence of the defendant.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL ON THIS THE 24DAY DECEMBER 2025, AT MYSORE.

BY ORDER OF THE COURT
SD/- CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER, PRINCIPAL DISTRICT JUDGE COURT, MYSORE.

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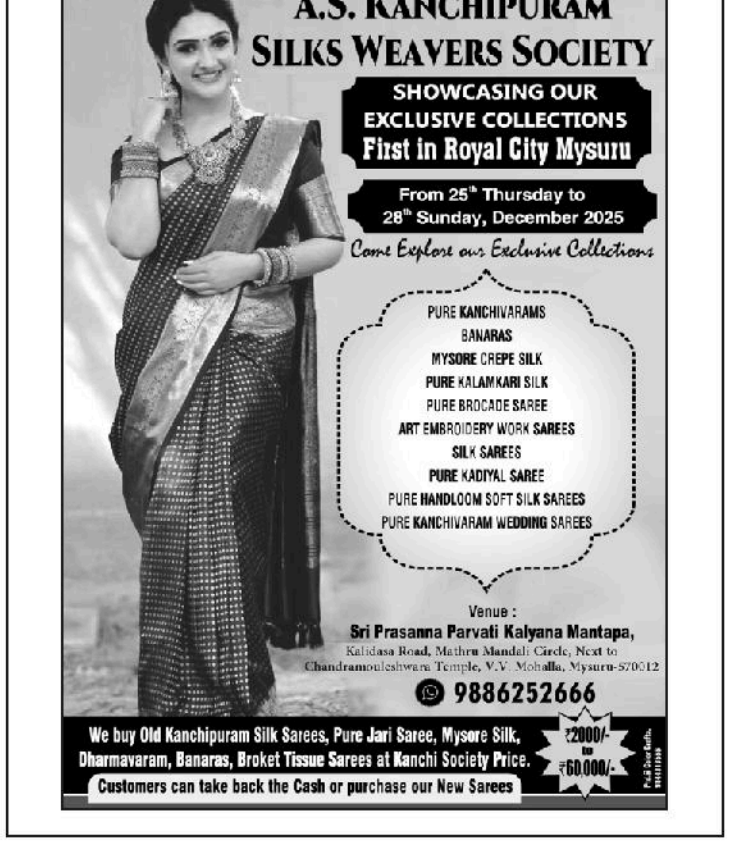
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